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Purpose of Travel : To Attend the 2018 National School Press Conference (NSPC)

Destination : Dumaguete City

Inclusive Dates : February 19-23, 2018

Chargeable Against : Local Funds/ PTCA Funds or Other Sources

Recommending Approval:

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2018 NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD) and the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD), announces the conduct of the **2018 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC)** with the theme **Embracing ASEAN Integration: Campus Journalists' Role in Advancing Inclusive Education**.

2. The NSPC will be conducted from February 19 to 23, 2018 in Dumaguete City. The host region is Region VII, and the host schools division is Dumaguete City.

3. This is pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7079, also known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, and in compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 47, s. 2010, entitled Guidelines on Financial Subsidy for the Conduct of the National Schools Press Conference (NSPC), its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) specifically Rule IX of Section 1.

4. The conference aims to:

- a. demonstrate understanding of the importance of Journalism by expressing it through different journalistic endeavors and approaches;
- b. sustain advocacy on social consciousness and environmental awareness;
- c. provide a venue for an enriching learning experience for students interested in Journalism as a career or those who intend to use skill sets learned through campus journalism to give them a better edge in their chosen careers;
- d. promote responsible journalism and fair and ethical use of social media; and
- e. enhance journalistic competence through healthy and friendly competitions.

5. The conference activities shall include the following:

a. Individual Contests

- i. News Writing
- ii. Features Writing
- iii. Editorial Writing
- iv. Sports Writing
- v. Copyreading and Headline Writing

- vi. Science and Technology Writing
- vii. Photojournalism
- viii. Editorial Cartooning
- ix. Column Writing (exhibition only)

b. School Paper Contests

- i. News Section
- ii. Features Section
- iii. Editorial Section
- iv. Science and Technology Section
- v. Sports Section
- vi. Layout and Page Design

c. Group Contests

- i. Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting Contest
- ii. Collaborative Desktop Publishing (CDP) Contest
- iii. Online Publishing Contest (exhibition for secondary level)
- iv. TV Script Writing and Broadcasting Contests (for secondary level)

d. Concurrent Sessions

e. Awarding of Winners and Outstanding School Paper Advisers (SPAs) and Campus Journalists (CJs), among others.

6. Recognizing and respecting Intellectual Property Rights, the Department adheres to the rule concerning plagiarism. DepEd reiterates its stand to disqualify school papers found to have copied and published texts, graphics and other materials without duly acknowledging their sources. The disqualification covers all competition sections of the school paper whether they are published in print or in PDF copy.

7. Any form of plagiarism in all competitions as proven by the board of judges shall be ground for disqualification.

8. In order to clarify issues and concerns regarding the conduct of the Schools Press Conferences, concerned officials, officers-in-charge of NSPC, personnel and staff, learner-participants are advised to refer to the implementing guidelines stipulated in DO 47, s. 2010. Below is the list of enclosures based on the guidelines of school paper, individual and group contests.

Enclosure Number	Content
	Guidelines for the Individual Contests
3	General Guidelines for the Selection of Winners in the Different Individual Writing Contests
3a	Score Sheet for Editorial Writing
3b	Score Sheet for News Writing
3c	Score Sheet for Features Writing
3d	Score Sheet for Sports Writing
3e	Score Sheet for Editorial Cartooning
3f	Score Sheet for Copyreading and Headline Writing
3g	Score Sheet for Photojournalism
3h	Score Sheet for Science and Technology Writing
3i	Score Sheet for Column Writing
	Guidelines for the Group Contests

Enclosure Number	Content
4	General Guidelines for the School Paper (Print or PDF)
4a	General Guidelines for the Selection of the Best Sections and Layout and Page Design Category
4b	Score Sheet for the Editorial Section
4c	Score Sheet for the News Section
4d	Score Sheet for the Features Section
4e	Score Sheet for the Sports Section
4f	Score Sheet for Layout and Page Design Category
4g	Score Sheet for the Science and Technology Section
5	Collaborative Desktop Publishing
5a	Score Sheet for Collaborative Desktop Publishing
6	Online Publishing
6a	Score Sheet for Online Publishing
7	Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting Contests (Filipino and English)
7a	Score Sheet for Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting
8	TV Script Writing and Broadcasting (Filipino and English)
8a	Score Sheet for TV Script Writing and Broadcasting
9	How to Compute for the Overall Scores
9a	Sample Illustration of breaking the ties within a category
9b	Sample Illustration of breaking the ties for Final Overall Ranking
10	Major Activities for the 2018 National Schools Press Conference

9. The top seven winners in all events per contest category per medium shall be recognized, and the points they garnered shall be included in the computation of the overall scores following the guidelines contained in Enclosure No. 9.

10. Column Writing as a new contest on a trial run will be conducted as an exhibition of skills both in Filipino and in English for elementary and secondary levels. The regions shall determine their three contestants per level and per medium from their official delegations only.

11. The top seven winners from the Column Writing Contest shall be recognized but their scores shall not be included in the computation of the overall scores of their regions.

12. The Online Publishing is still on its trial run, which will be conducted as an exhibition of skills both in Filipino and in English for secondary level only. The competing teams in the Collaborative Desktop Publishing (secondary level) shall also be the same teams that will compete for the Online Publishing Exhibition.

13. The seven outstanding teams from the Online Publishing shall be recognized but their scores shall not be included in the computation of the overall scores of their regions.

14. All schools divisions and regions should strictly follow the **No School Paper, No Student Contestant Policy**.

15. Schools, which have collected journalism or subscription fees from their learners should submit school paper entries and **not PDF files**.

16. Each region is expected to submit the required documents using the format provided in the following enclosures:

Enclosure Number	Document Name	Submitted to	Deadline and Important Reminders
1	Regional Winners/Entries for the School Paper Contests. These must be in print, or portable document format (PDF) in CD duly endorsed by the Regional Director (RD).	Central Office (CO), addressed to BCD	January 2, 2018 (until 5:00 p.m. only) Regional entries which will be transported through couriers or special deliveries should be accepted by the delivery service office on or before the day of the deadline. * No extension of due date/time shall be allowed.
1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Official List of 290 Member-Delegation cum Regional Travel Order (hard and soft copies). This will be provided to the CO and the host region. • Food Preference of the participants. This will be based on their religious or personal beliefs and/or medical requirements (e.g. halal food or vegetarian) (Enclosure No. 2B) • Each region should submit a soft copy of the official list to BCD and host region. • Each participant is advised to bring a 2x2 picture which will be attached to the NSPC ID to be provided by the host region. 	<p>CO, addressed to BCD and send to: nspccentral@gmail.com</p> <p>RD of DepEd RO VII and send to: maurita.ponce@deped.gov.ph</p>	<p>December 27, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This official list signed by the RD shall also serve as the official travel order of each region and the only travel order that shall be honored by the host region during registration. • If there are last-minute changes in the list of contestants, the replacement shall submit a justification/certification duly signed by the RD/Head of Delegation to the chair of the NTWG upon arrival at the contest venue. • Only the 290 official delegates shall be registered and accommodated in the billeting areas. They are also the only ones who will receive the kits, and numbered Certificates of Participation and Appearance. • Early confirmation and registration with the host region is required. * Registration after December 27, 2017 (until 5:00 p.m. only) will no longer be accepted.
1 and 2	The Region's Schedule of Arrival and Departure and Means of Transportation to reach the venue. (Enclosure No. 2B)	Region VII addressed to the RD	December 27, 2017

17. Any violation of the stipulated guidelines is subject for disqualification.

18. Learners at the elementary and secondary (both junior and senior high schools) levels are eligible to join the contests.

19. The Official Regional Delegation shall consist of **290** participants. **The delegates are expected to be at the venue on February 19, 2018.** The first meal shall be lunch on **February 19, 2018** and the last meal shall be afternoon snack on **February 23, 2018.**

20. For TV Script Writing and Broadcasting contestants, an orientation will be conducted on February 18, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Details of the venue will be relayed to the Regional Supervisor in-charge of Campus Journalism.

21. Regions and schools divisions that will request for their participants to be picked up from the airport upon arrival are advised to coordinate with **Dr. Nelson Caday, Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) Chief** at mobile phone no. 0915-601-3037.

22. Non-contestants, parents and other school officials who are not part of the official regional delegation are required to seek their own accommodation and contact the host region/schools division for assistance. They can contact **Dr. Victoria Maquiling, Division Education Program Specialist (EPS) Filipino** through mobile phone no. 0915-603-4738 or email address: vmaquiling@gmail.com.

23. Each participant from public and private schools, included in the official list of delegation, shall pay a registration fee of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00) only. The registration fee and their travel expenses shall be charged to the school's Maintenance and/or Other Operating Expenses/local/regional funds/Special Education Fund or the School Campus Journalism Fund, whichever is applicable, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The registration fee shall cover the costs of board and lodging, kits, including conference materials, rental of equipment/vehicle, payment for utilities, contingency and other related expenses incurred in the conduct of NSPC.

24. Check payments shall be deposited on or before **January 20, 2018** to the Schools Division of Dumaguete City account at the Development Bank of the Philippines with Account Name: DepEd, Division of Dumaguete City, Account Number: 0740-02594303-0.

25. The fund transfer in the amount of **Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P2,500,000.00)** only shall be downloaded to the host region to cover the cost of the following:

- a. trophies, medals, and certificates/token;
- b. supplies and materials (conference materials, t-shirts);
- c. rehabilitation of the billeting quarters;
- d. honoraria and transportation of the local judges and resource speakers;
- e. board and lodging of NTWG, resource speakers of concurrent sessions and judges (local and national); and
- f. other related expenses (planning activities, meetings, ocular inspection of the venues, etc.).

26. Statement of Expenditures audited by the local Commission on Audit and noted by the RD shall be submitted to the Chief of Accounting Division, DepEd CO, a month after the conduct of the activity.

27. The conduct of some major activities listed in Enclosure No. 10 and the transportation cost of the national judges shall be charged to the OSEC Campus Journalism Funds, while the webinar activity for the regions shall be charged to their local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

28. For further information and clarification, contact the **Director, Attention: Mr. Mark Anthony V. Bercando**, Bureau of Curriculum Development, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, 3rd Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telefax no. (02) 635-9822, or email at nspccentral@gmail.com.

29. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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As stated

References:

DepEd Memorandum Nos.: 128, s. 2014, 50 and 149, s. 2015, 216, s. 2016
DepEd Order No. (47, s. 2010)

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